



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER  
LENGTH IN BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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